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## BIOAVAILABILITY , PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

METABOLITES, AND

A one-month extension of time to April 4, 2002, is requested and hereby filed concurrently with an Amendment and Response to Office Action Mailed December 4, 2001. Check No. 3237 in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees to Barnes & Thornburg Deposit Account No. 10-0435.

Applicant is a small entity, verified statement is already filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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